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S. 2952

To provide technical assistance, capacity building grants, and organizational support to private, nonprofit community development organizations, including religiously-affiliated organizations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2000

Mr. TORRICELLI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Faith-Based and Com-
5 munity-Based Organizations in Housing and Community
6 Development Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Center for
3 Community and Interfaith Partnerships of the Depart-
4 ment of Housing and Urban Development (referred to in
5 this section as the “Director”) may award grants to pri-
6 vate, nonprofit community-based organizations (including
7 social service organizations and community development
8 corporations) in accordance with this section.

9 (b) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.—In awarding
10 grants under this section, the Director shall consider reli-
11 gious organizations on the same basis as other nongovern-
12 mental entities.

13 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts provided under a
14 grant awarded under this section may only be used for
15 activities that—

16 (1) develop the capacity and ability of organiza-
17 tions described in subsection (a) to undertake com-
18 munity development and affordable housing projects
19 and programs;

20 (2) promote the goal of fair housing;

21 (3) assist the Secretary of Housing and Urban
22 Development in the disposition of foreclosed prop-
23 erties; or

24 (4) increase the effectiveness of the programs
25 carried out by the Secretary of Housing and Urban
26 Development in distressed high poverty areas.

1 (d) PROHIBITION ON SECTARIAN USE OF FUNDS.—

2 No amount provided under a grant awarded under this
3 section may be used for sectarian worship, instruction, or
4 proselytization.

5 (e) FUNDING.—Section 107(a)(1) of the Housing and
6 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
7 5307(a)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
9 by striking “\$60,000,000” and inserting
10 “\$80,000,000”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at
12 the end;

13 (3) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period
14 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(J) \$20,000,000 shall be available to
17 carry out section 2 of the Faith-Based and
18 Community-Based Organizations in Housing
19 and Community Development Act of 2000.”.

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